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**STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION****Statement of Findings****State Responsibility Area Five Year Review, 2005**

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Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §4125-4128, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) classifies all lands in the state for the purposes of determining areas in which the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing wildfire is primarily the responsibility of the state. These lands are termed State Responsibility Area (SRA). The maps depicting these lands are updated, according to statute, every five years.

The Board adopted the five year update to the SRA maps following a public hearing held on October 12, 2005. The amendments were made in accordance to a guidance document specified in 14 CCR section § 1220 titled "State Responsibility Area Classification System", and above listed statutes.

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection find the following:

- The Board finds that the changes to the SRA maps have been conducted in accordance with statutes, regulations and guidelines for this process.
- The Board finds that these changes are necessary to ensure appropriate fire protection services are established for State Responsibility Areas.
- The Board finds that the effective date for the changes to the SRA map shall be July 1, 2006, in accordance with 14 CCR section § 1220 titled "State Responsibility Area Classification System".
- The Board finds that future amendments to the SRA maps should incorporate early consultation with affected local governments, provide flexibility in determining the dates when the changes become effective, and provide flexibility for establishing special hearings beyond the existing guidelines.

Questions regarding the hearing may be directed to Mr. Christopher Zimny, Regulations Coordinator, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, at (916) 653-9418 or via mail to Mr. George Gentry, Executive Officer of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, California 94244-2460. Comments may also be received via email at: board.public.comments@fire.ca.gov.